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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO IMPLIES

BREZHNEV WILL RECEIVE WILSON

1. SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO MADE FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN PARIS, AFTER ABSENCE IN USSR FOR OVER A MONTH, BY ATTENDING A MAJOR RECEPTION FOR FRENCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS BY AMBASSADOR RUSH FEBRUARY 11.

2. IN COURSE LENGTHY, AT POINTS JOVIAL, CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, CHERVONENKO MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

3. BREZHNEV HAS BEEN ON EXTENDED VACATION, PARTLY FOR "THERAPEUTIC" REASONS. HE IS NOW RAPIDLY REGAINING HIS STRENGTH, IS RESUMING WORK AND WILL SHORTLY REAPPEAR IN

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PUBLIC "AS GOOD AS NEW." CHERVONENKO VOLUNTEERED IN

THIS CONTEXT THAT HE "HOPED" THAT BREZHNEV WOULD RECEIVE
UK PRIME MINISTER WILSON, IMPLYING THAT HE EXPECTED HIM
TO DO SO.

4. REGARDING DETENTE, CHERVONENKO OFFERED STANDARD
SOVIET COMMENTS, POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS IN INTEREST OF
BOTH SIDES TO CONTINUE IT. SOVIET CONCESSIONS IN
CURRENT EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS, LIKE SALT, MBFR AND
CSCE MAY, HOWEVER, BE AFFECTED TO SOME EXTENT BY U.S.
ABILITY TO REDRESS PROBLEMS CREATED BY U.S. TRADE BILL.

5. CHERVONENKO ALSO CONFIRMED RECENT ARRIVAL IN PARIS
OF NEW SOVIET DCM, YURI PANKOV, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS A
SENIOR MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE
CPSU'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
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